

Regular Meeting of the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks
Held at the Falls Church Community Center
223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Minutes
March 1, 2006

1. Call to Order

Mr. Meeks called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present were Joyce Berg, Kathy Chandler, Rob Meeks, Gerard Mene, Charley O'Hara, and Ruth Rodgers. Staff present was Howard Herman, Director of Recreation and Parks and Linda Weikle, Senior Administrative Assistant. Council member Lindy Hockenberry was also present.

2. Receipt of Public Petitions and Board Member Petitions

Mr. Meeks asked if there were any petitions from the public or board members. Mr. Meeks advised the Board that he working on a resolution to encourage the City to strongly pursue purchasing properties adjoining the new parks in the City.

3. Minutes

Ms. Berg moved to approve the February 1, 2006 minutes. Ms. Chandler seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed 5-0-1 (Mr. Mene abstained).

4. Recreation Director's Report

Mr. Herman reported:

- The Department is recruiting summer staff for the camp programs.
- Spring sports registration is continuing.
- Staff is working with Falls Church Lacrosse to schedule field use.
- The tennis and basketball courts will be resurfaced in the spring.
- The Department is purchasing a truck for custodial use and a mini-bus. Both items are in the current budget.
- The Madison Park picnic shelter will be in the park by June.
- The Memorial Day Committee met this week and is seeking nominations for the parade grand marshal.
- Farmers' Market applications were sent out and have started coming back in. The market will be divided into a summer and winter market, with some variety in the vendors.
- Staff is working on a plan to facilitate street hockey. The Board requested a recommendation at the April meeting.

5. New Business

a. Berman Park Master Plan Public Hearing

Mr. Herman reviewed the addition of landscape beds to the plan. Ms. Chandler moved that the Board adopt the Berman Park Master Plan; Ms. Rodgers seconded the motion. Upon unanimous voice vote, the motion passed. Hamlett Park will be on the Board's April agenda.

Mr. J. T. Maloney, 121 S. Spring St., inquired about water drainage at the park.

6. Old Business

a. Synthetic Turf Project

Mr. Herman said that Recreation & Parks Department and school staff is working on finalizing the layout of the discus and shot put pads so that the engineering firm can get the plans filed with Fairfax County.

b. Budget

Mr. Herman noted that the City Manager would present the budget to Council on March 13. It looks like the field monitor positions will be included in the budget, but the request for a new park maintenance worker will not be in the budget. The CIP budget is moving forward to Council as endorsed by the Planning Commission.

c. School/City MOU

Following review and discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Mr. O'Hara moved to support the MOU between the Schools and City. Ms. Berg seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

7. Other Business

There was none.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Chandler moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Mene seconded the motion. Following a unanimous voice vote, Mr. Meeks adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.